

January 8, 2013

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company  
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter the United States Telecom Association (“USTelecom”) and the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (“ITTA”) nominate Ken Mason of Frontier Communications to serve as the representative on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) for incumbent local exchange carriers other than Bell Operating Companies with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million. This letter supersedes earlier nomination letters from both organizations.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Mason has 20 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, including a substantial background in universal service issues. He currently serves as Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs for Frontier. In addition to directing Frontier’s legislative and regulatory activities within the states Frontier operates, Mr. Mason assists in setting Frontier’s federal and state policy positions and advocacy objectives, with particular focus on the development and implementation of universal service goals and requirements. A copy of Mr. Mason’s professional biography is available to the Commission as an attachment to the nomination letter submitted by Frontier Communications on October 8, 2012.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from David B. Cohen, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45 (Oct. 2, 2012) (nominating Cesar Caballero of Windstream); Letter from Matthew Dosch, Chairman, ITTA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45 (Sept. 27, 2012) (nominating Genevieve Morelli of ITTA).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Kathleen Abernathy, Frontier Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45 (Oct. 8, 2012).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this nomination.

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